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EXTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mrs. Mones, seconded by Mr. Moran, it was moved to **adopt** the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE SBPC #2637-03-25

Summary No. 4244

Introduced by: Administration on 2/18/25
Public Hearing held on 3/5/25

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA CRAWFISH FEST FOUNDATION RELATIVE TO THE USE OF A PORTION OF THE FREDERICK J. SIGUR CIVIC CENTER.

ST. BERNARD PARISH COUNCIL DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. The St. Bernard Parish Council, the Governing Authority, does hereby authorize the Parish President to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Crawfish Fest Foundation in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**, and all other documents necessary to effect the purpose of said Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the authorizing signature by the Parish President. In the event of a presidential veto, this Ordinance shall become effective upon a two-thirds favorable vote of the total membership of the Council pursuant to Sections 2-11 and 2-13 of the St. Bernard Parish Home Rule Charter.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any section, clause, paragraph, provision or portion of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other section, clause, paragraph provision or portion of this Ordinance, the St. Bernard Parish Council hereby expressing and declaring that it would have adopted the remaining portion(s) of this Ordinance with the invalid portion(s) omitted.



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March 5, 2025

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: Cusimano, Moran, Meyer, Randall, Mones, Everhardt

NAYS: None

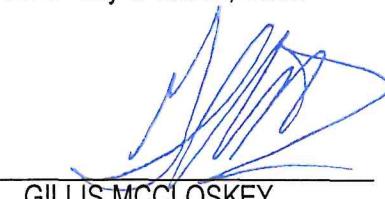
ABSENT: None

The Council Chair, Mr. McCloskey, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 5th day of March, 2025.

Roxanne Adams

ROXANNE ADAMS
CLERK OF COUNCIL



GILLIS MCCLOSKEY
COUNCIL CHAIR

Delivered to the Parish President

3-7-25 12:44 pm
Date and Time

Received by

Gillis McCloskey 3/7/25 12:57 p.m.

Approved

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Vetoed

Parish President

Louis Pomes
Louis Pomes

Returned to Clerk of the Council

3/20/25 8:21 am
Date and Time

Received by

Roxanne Adams

**COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN
ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT AND
THE LOUISIANA CRAWFISH FEST FOUNDATION**

THIS COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT, (the “Agreement”) made and entered into this _____ day of _____ 20____ by and between St. Bernard Parish Government, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana (“Agency”) and the Louisiana Crawfish Fest Foundation, a Louisiana Non-Profit Corporation (“Contracting Party”).

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that “For a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions...may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual;” and

WHEREAS, Agency desires to cooperate with the Contracting Party in the implementation of a recreational and team sports program for the youth of St. Bernard Parish (the “Program”);

WHEREAS, this Agreement comports with the governmental purpose of Agency in providing services to the residents of St. Bernard Parish;

WHEREAS, Agency has a reasonable expectation of receiving a benefit or value that is at least equivalent to or greater than the consideration described in this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, Agency and Contracting Party agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I
OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES**

1. Obligations of the Agency:
 - a. Shall permit the Contracting Party use of the South Ballroom located within the Frederick J. Sigur Civic Center beginning at 12:00 a.m. on March 17, 2025 through 11:59 p.m. on March 24, 2025 for activities associated with the Louisiana Crawfish Festival held at Sidney D. Torres Memorial Park.
 - b. Agency shall waive rental fees associated with the South Ballroom for the Contracting Party for the times and purposes set forth above.
2. Obligations of the Contracting Party:
 - a. The Contracting Party shall, no later than December 31, 2025, donate the sum of \$10,000.00 to Agency for repairs/replacement of the stage at the Frederick J. Sigur Civic Center.

b. The Contracting Party shall be responsible for any damage caused to property of Agency by its agents, employees, contractors, licensees, invitees, and/or visitors during the Louisiana Crawfish Festival.

ARTICLE II ASSIGNMENT

1. Contracting Party shall not assign any interest in this Agreement and shall not transfer any interest in same (whether by assignment or novation), without prior written consent of Agency.

ARTICLE III AUDIT CLAUSE

1. It is hereby agreed that the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana, and/or the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration auditors shall have the option of inspecting and auditing all data, records and accounts of the Contracting Party which relate to this Agreement, upon request.
2. The Contracting Party and any subcontractors paid under this Agreement shall maintain all books and records pertaining to this Agreement throughout its term and for a period of four years after the date termination and/or final payment under this Agreement, whichever is later.

ARTICLE IV AMENDMENTS IN WRITING

1. Any alteration, variation, modification, or waiver of provisions of this Agreement shall be valid only when it has been reduced to writing and executed by all parties.

ARTICLE V DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE

1. The Contracting Party agrees to abide by the requirements of the following as applicable: Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Opportunity Act of 1972, Federal Executive Order 11246, the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, the Age Act of 1975, as amended, and Contracting Party agrees to abide by the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended. Contracting Party agrees not to discriminate in its employment practices, and will render services under this contract without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status, political affiliation, or disabilities.

The Contracting Party acknowledges and agrees that any act of unlawful discrimination committed by Contracting Party, or any other failure to comply with these statutory obligations when applicable shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI **INDEMNIFICATION**

1. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contracting Party will protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Agency, its agents, elected officials, and employees (collectively, the “Indemnified Parties”) from and against all claims, demands, actions, liabilities, losses (including, without limitation, economic losses), and costs, arising out of or related to any actual or alleged act or omission in the performance of this Agreement by the Contracting Party, its agents, employees, contractors, licensees, invitees, visitors and all other third parties. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Contracting Party is not required to indemnify the Indemnified Parties for any loss that results from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of any of the Indemnified Parties, provided that Contracting Party, its agents, employees, contractors, licensees, invitees, visitors or other third parties did not contribute to such gross negligence or willful misconduct.
2. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Contracting Party, at its option, will immediately defend Agency from, or reimburse Agency for its costs incurred in the defense of any claim that actually, or potentially, falls within the scope of this indemnity, even if the claim is groundless, false, or fraudulent, or if the Contracting Party is absolved of liability.
3. The Contracting Party shall bear all expenses, including without limitation reasonable attorney fees, of Agency in enforcing the terms of this article.

ARTICLE VII **PARTIAL INVALIDITY; SEVERABILITY**

1. If any term, covenant, condition, or provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall, at any time or to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such term, covenant, condition or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each term, covenant, condition, and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE VIII **ENTIRE AGREEMENT; MODIFICATION**

1. This Agreement, including any attachments that are expressly referred to in this Agreement, contains the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any and all agreements or contracts previously entered into between the parties. No representations were made or relied upon by either party, other than those that are expressly set forth. This Agreement may be modified or amended at any time by mutual consent of the parties, provided that, before any modification or amendment shall be operative and valid, it shall be reduced to writing and signed by both parties.

ARTICLE IX **CONTROLLING LAW**

1. The validity, interpretation, and performance of this Agreement shall be controlled by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana.

ARTICLE X **LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

1. Agency shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, specifically, the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics (R.S. 42:1101, et seq.) in carrying out the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XI **RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTIES; EXCLUSION OF BENEFITS**

1. The Contracting Party is engaged by Agency for the purposes set forth in this Agreement. The relationship between the Contracting Party and Agency shall be, and only be, that of an independent contractor and the Contracting Party shall not be construed to be an employee, agent, partner of, or in joint venture with, Agency.

ARTICLE XII **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EXCLUSION OF** **WORKER'S COMPENSATION COVERAGE**

1. Agency and the Contracting Party expressly agree that the Contracting Party is an independent contractor as defined in R.S. 23:1021(7) and, as such, expressly agree that Agency shall not be liable to the Contracting Party or to anyone employed by the Contracting Party for any benefits or coverage as provided by the Worker's Compensation Law of the State of Louisiana.
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ARTICLE XIII
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EXCLUSION OF
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION COVERAGE

1. Agency and the Contracting Party expressly declare and acknowledge that the Contracting Party is an independent contractor and, as such, is being engaged by Agency under this Agreement as noted and defined in R.S. 23:1472(12)(E) and, therefore, it is expressly declared and understood between the parties hereto, that for the purposes of unemployment compensation only:
 - A. The Contracting Party has been and will be free from any control or direction by Agency over the performance of the services covered by this Agreement;
 - B. The services to be rendered by the Contracting Party are outside the normal course and scope of Agency's usual business; and
 - C. The Contracting Party is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, profession, or business. Consequently, neither the Contracting Party nor anyone employed or contracted by the Contracting Party shall be considered an employee of Agency for the purpose of unemployment compensation coverage.

ARTICLE XIV
FORCE MAJEURE

1. Neither party to this Agreement shall be responsible to the other party hereto for any delays or failure to perform caused by any circumstances reasonably beyond the immediate control of the party prevented from performing, including, but not limited to, acts of God.

ARTICLE XV
EMPLOYMENT OF PARISH PERSONNEL

1. The Contracting Party certifies that it has not employed and will not employ any person to engage in the performance of this Agreement who is, presently, or at the time of such employment, an employee of St. Bernard Parish Government.

ARTICLE XVI
COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

1. The Contracting Party warrants that it has not employed or retained any entity or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contracting Party, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any entity or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contracting Party any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting

from the award or making of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, Agency shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability or, in Agency's discretion, to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or contingent fee.

ARTICLE XVII **REMEDIES FOR DEFAULT**

1. In the event of default by either party, the aggrieved party shall have all rights granted by the general laws of the State of Louisiana.

ARTICLE XVIII **NOTICES**

1. All notices and other communications pertaining to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be transmitted either by personal hand-delivery (and receipted for) or deposited in the United States mail, as certified mail, return receipt requested and postage prepaid, to the other party, addressed as follows:

St. Bernard Parish Government
c/o Louis Pomes, Parish President
8201 W. Judge Perez Dr.
Chalmette, LA 70043

Louisiana Crawfish Fest Foundation
c/o Jeff Caruso
P.O. Box 1996
Chalmette, LA 70044

THUS DONE AND PASSED, this _____ day of _____, 20_____, in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses and me, Notary Public, in the Parish of St. Bernard, State of Louisiana, after due reading of the whole.

WITNESSES:

ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT

Louis Pomes, Parish President

NOTARY PUBLIC

Bar/Roll#: _____

Printed Name: _____

My Commission is for: _____

THUS DONE AND PASSED, this _____ day of _____, 20_____, in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses and me, Notary Public, in the Parish of St. Bernard, State of Louisiana, after due reading of the whole.

WITNESSES:

LOUISIANA CRAWFISH FEST FOUNDATION

Print name

Title

NOTARY PUBLIC

Bar/Roll#: _____

Printed Name: _____

My Commission is for: _____